



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 4, 2011

The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood  
Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

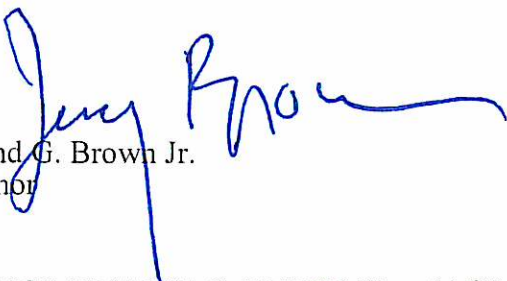
On behalf of the people of the State of California, I am pleased to transmit our application for funding from the \$2.4 billion High-Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail Program contained in the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

California's application seeks funding for projects that will be the building blocks for a statewide network of rail lines linking high-speed and intercity rail lines to regional rail lines. The projects will provide the foundation for a transportation system that will improve mobility, help the environment, reduce energy dependency, and put Californians to work.

By approving nearly \$10 billion toward the construction of California's high-speed rail project in 2008, California voters made California the only state moving forward to fulfill President Obama's promise of trains traveling over 200 miles per hour to connect significant portions of our population.

California shares the Obama administration's belief that rail must play a greater role in addressing the transportation and environmental challenges facing our nation, and we look forward to continuing to work together in turning our vision for expanded intercity and high-speed rail into reality.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
Governor